

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Farm Advisor	(2) MEETING DATE 5/6/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Mary Bianchi 805-781-5949	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution to congratulate the San Luis Obispo County University of California Cooperative Extension Office on the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board adopt the resolution to congratulate the San Luis Obispo County University of California Cooperative Extension office on the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { } Consent    { } Presentation    { } Hearing (Time Est. ____ )    { <b>X</b> } Board Business (Time Est. <u>5 min</u> )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { <b>X</b> } Resolutions    { } Contracts    { } Ordinances    { } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR)  N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: { } 4/5 Vote Required    { <b>X</b> } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP  N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT?  No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { <b>X</b> } N/A    Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S)  All Districts			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Farm Advisor / Mary Bianchi 805-781-5949

DATE: 5/6/2014

SUBJECT: Submittal of a resolution to congratulate the San Luis Obispo County University of California Cooperative Extension Office on the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act. All Districts.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board adopt the resolution to congratulate the San Luis Obispo County University of California Cooperative Extension office on the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act.

## **DISCUSSION**

The University of California Cooperative Extension in San Luis Obispo is pleased to celebrate with your Board the many years of partnership between the County of San Luis Obispo, the University of California, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

This May, the University of California is celebrating 100th anniversary of passage of the Smith-Lever Act, and the Centennial Year of the University of California Cooperative Extension. 2014 marks 100 years of science and service to the State of California.

Communities beyond the reach of the land grant campuses of the University of California present special challenges for outreach and extension of research that can address current and emerging community issues. Through local Cooperative Extension programs in agriculture, natural resources, programs for youth and families, and nutrition education, we have provided connections to science and research on local and global scales. Through partnership with San Luis Obispo County, we have empowered volunteers, created new leaders and prepared tomorrow's workforce. Our programs have supported producers, managers, and agencies through consultations on critical agriculture and natural resources issues, and supported economic, youth, and community development throughout the county.

Our history here in San Luis Obispo began with community collaboration. In 1920, during the economic depression following World War I, members from the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce proposed to the County Board of Supervisors that a Farm Bureau organization was needed to unify the common interests of local farmers, financially strengthen the agricultural community, and provide for a Farm Advisor. The Board offered approval for the organization only if local farmers would present an interest for establishing a local Farm Bureau.

In response to the Board's request, farmers S. Jackson Lowe, E.R. Lewis, Otto Sinsheimer and others - with correspondence from Agricultural Extension Service Director B.H. Crocheron - initiated the Farm Bureau movement for San Luis Obispo County in the spring of 1921.

The first meeting of the Farm Bureau directors, under the leadership of Cooperative Extension (then called the Agricultural Extension Service) was on December 28, 1922. Those present at the initial session: E.R. Lewis of Edna, M.F. Gates of Templeton, P.R. Moegnard, Webb Moore and H.K. Klaucke of Arroyo Grande, S. Jackson Lowe of San Luis Obispo, Chris Jespersen of Union, Perry Lindbergh of Park Hill, I.H. Wheeler of Las Pilitas, and M. B. Dempsey. The long and productive history of working with and being truly a part of our local communities is the unique and defining characteristic

of Cooperative Extension.

The University of California Cooperative Extension Advisors and our University and County staff look forward to the next century of helping foster a thriving County!

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

N/A

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

N/A

#### **RESULTS**

The successful partnership between San Luis Obispo County and UC Cooperative Extension has resulted in significant benefits to the County of San Luis Obispo in agricultural advancements, natural resource management, youth development, nutrition education and other fields. These achievements support the mission of the County - a healthy, livable, prosperous, and well-governed community.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A Resolution